# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT OF FLOWER SECTOR IN KARNATAKA
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of the enormous potential to grow flowers in and around some cities in Karnataka like Bangalore, Hassan, Bagalkot and Mysore;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted and study to develop international flower auction centres in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details of facilities extended by the Union Government to improve the flower sector in Karnataka?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Government of India is aware of the potential of growing flowers in different parts of Karnataka.

(b)&(c): Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, have conducted pre-feasibility studies for market development and promotion of exports of flowers. APEDA has assisted the State Government of Karnataka in setting up a flower auctioncentre at Bangalore for which an amount of Rs.3.57 crore has been sanctioned.

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is providing financial assistance to the State Government of Karnataka for development of floriculture under the Central Scheme `Macro Management in Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation ofStates` efforts through Work Plan` which provides flexibility to the State for pursuing the programmes as per its needs. The Government of Karnataka has taken several steps to promote floriculture in the state through area expansion programme and supply of quality planting material of improved varieties of various flowers. The state is also providing assistance for green house construction and developing marketing infrastructure facilities through cooperatives and registered flower growers` associations in the state.

Besides, National Horticulture Board under its scheme `Development ofCommercial Horticulture through Production and post-harvest management` provides assistance in the form of capital subsidy @ 20% of total project cost with maximum limit of Rs.25 lakhs. The floriculture programme can be taken under the scheme. During 2001-02 NHB has made available subsidy of Rs.112.739 lakh in Karnataka to various floriculture projects.